

# SART Conference Session Descriptions

## September 27, 2011

9:00 — 10:20

### **Plenary**

#### **What is the Reality of False Reporting?**

**David Lisek, Forensic Consulting, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts**

In the public discourse on sexual assault, no topic generates as much controversy or emotion as false reports. On one side, some people assert that majority of rape reports are ultimately proven to have been false allegations. On the other side, some people assert that false reports are almost non-existent. Unfortunately, the debate is typically marked by a lot of heat and very little light. This presentation will add light to the heat by surveying decades of research on false rape reports, and by providing details on a new study recently completed by the speaker. For many years researchers around the world have been attempting to study the phenomenon of false reports. Their efforts have clearly demonstrated that it is extremely difficult to conduct careful, systematic research of this topic. However, their efforts have also yielded reasonably consistent findings. This talk will provide a clear explanation of the complexities of conducting research on false reports, including the complications of how rape cases are classified and how false reports are defined. It will separate out the good, reliable studies from the ones that can't be interpreted. Finally, it will provide an answer to the question, "What do the numbers tell us?"

10:45 — 11:45

### **Plenary**

#### **Exploring Consensus of the Crime/What is the Nature of Crime?/Impact on the Victim**

**Patty Murphy, Survivor; Michael J. Short, Attorney; Jill Karofsky, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Director of the Office of Crime Victim Services, Madison, WI;  
Ray Maida, Law Enforcement Trainer, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

This session will explore a sexual assault survivor's quest for justice. In September 1997, a visually impaired woman named Patty was the victim of a sexual assault in her own bedroom. The subsequent investigation led law enforcement officers to doubt the veracity of Patty's account of the incident. When law enforcement confronted Patty, they told her some untruths about the investigation and she recanted. She was charged with Obstructing an Officer for falsely reporting a crime. The Obstruction charge was eventually dropped when DNA evidence from an unknown source was found on Patty's bed sheets. Seven years after the incident, Patty's assailant was finally brought to justice. Patty's ordeal reminds us all of the dangers of not believing sexual assault victims when they say or do things that seem inconsistent with how we believe a "real" victim should speak or act.

1:15 — 2:30

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS A**

#### **A-1 Advocate Roles and Role Avoidance**

**CJ Figgins-Hunter, SART Coordinator, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Madison, WI  
Jacqui Callari-Robinson, SANE Coordinator / Director of Prevention and Health Services, WI  
Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Madison, WI  
Ray Maida, Training Consultant, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault & The Wisconsin  
Office of Justice Assistance, Madison, WI**

Community Based Sexual Assault Advocates play a crucial role within SARTs but, often times the advocate role is either not understood or is misunderstood making it difficult for advocates to balance advocating for the client with their role as a member of the SART. Additionally, Community Based Advocates are often the only members of the SART who are not part of the criminal justice system and whose only job is to insure the needs of the survivor are met. This workshop will address the role of the

advocate on the SART and how the advocate can meet the needs of the survivor while still being a vital member of the SART.

#### **A-2 Suspect Interviews**

**Marion Morgan, PREA Director, Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections, Madison, WI**

**Judi Munaker, Retired Prosecutor and Law Enforcement Training Consultant, Madison, WI**

This session will review the best practices for suspect interviewing, model 4 parts of the interview (building rapport, locking suspect into a statement, providing information about SANE exams, and closing the interview) and reinforce the need for officers to conduct an investigation to the level of beyond a reasonable doubt.

#### **A-3 Barriers to Justice: The Impact of Race on Victims of Sexual Assault**

**Lilada Gee, Founder & Executive Director, Lilada's Living Room; Panel of Survivors**

How does the impact of rape vary for women of color and white women? When a woman of color is raped--prior to making the decision to report--she must conquer the fear of not being believed and supported by systems, from which she has most likely in her lifetime experienced the impact of institutionalized racism. Upon reporting, she is unlikely to encounter a woman of her race or even someone who has had cultural sensitivity training, from law enforcement, the emergency room, District Attorney's office or Rape Crisis Center. In this session, women of color survivors will share their firsthand experiences of the barriers that had to overcome to receive justice; as well as share tips for participants to improve their service to diverse survivors.

#### **A-4 How, Why, Who...Me?**

**Shawna Freels, Radiant Path Wellness Center, Bristol, WI**

This workshop will review current research data on the importance of self-care. We will experience techniques to be used throughout the conference to improve health. Techniques will include deep breathing, changing thought patterns through positive statements, stretching and movement and guided visualization. Self-care tool kits will be handed out to all participants.

2:55 — 4:30

#### **Plenary: Prosecution of Alcohol and Other Drug Facilitated SA/Premeditated, Planned Victim Targeting**

**Jill Karofsky, Facilitator, Wisconsin Dept. Of Justice and Director Office of Crime Victim Services, Madison, Wisconsin**

**Tim Gruenke, La Crosse County District Attorney Office, La Crosse, WI**

**Linda Hoffman, Columbia County District Attorney Office, Portage, WI**

**Sarah Lewis, Milwaukee County District Attorney Office, Milwaukee, WI**

**Jennifer Long, Director, AEquitas: the Prosecutor's Resource on Violence against Women, Washington, DC**

Alcohol-facilitated sexual assault (AFSA) cases present unique challenges for investigators, prosecutors and other allied professionals. This presentation will explore common issues and challenges related to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases where alcohol is present. The presenter will discuss societal attitudes about alcohol, basic toxicology, victim credibility and collaboration between allied professionals. In addition, this presentation will promote a victim-centered response that incorporates offender-focused strategies for effective investigation and prosecution of AFSA cases.

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## September 28, 2011

8:45 — 10:15

**Plenary: [From the Inside: Listening to Rape Survivors, Learning how to Better Respond](#)**  
**Ann K. Ream, Founder & Writer, Voices & Faces Project, Chicago, Illinois**

Sexual violence impacts one in four women and one in six men and its “ripple effect” on our families, workplaces and communities is profound and far-reaching. Yet, many in the media continue to perpetuate damaging myths about rape while “blaming the victim.” In “Media Matters,” Voices and Faces Project founder and Chicago Tribune contributor Anne K. Ream explores how we can change that, positing that initiating a strategic and creative dialogue with editors, journalists, and opinion shapers is critical to impacting media coverage. Using “real-world” case studies and examples of what works and what doesn’t when responding to high-profile media cases and exploring how “new media” vehicles — and user generated content — can “change the game” for the anti-violence movement, this interactive lecture/slide program provides “tools that can be used” by advocates, allies, prosecutors and law enforcement personnel dealing with the media in their work.

10:30 — 11:45

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS B**

#### **[B-1 Sexual Assault Victim Interviews — Beyond the Obvious](#)**

**Russell Strand, Chief, Family Advocacy Law Enforcement Training Division, US Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri**

Sexual assault victims undergo experiences most will never understand. Even survivors of sexual assault may not be able to fully appreciate the experiences of each and every victim. Traditional victim interview techniques sometimes actually do more harm than good. Professionals may inadvertently close down victim disclosure and build barriers to further disclosure, which may also increase the risk of future false recantations. Criminal justice personnel, health care providers, victim advocates, and other helping professionals who struggle with understanding victims of sexual assaults and their experiences will benefit from this session. This instruction has been designed to assist professionals in understanding how to conduct a better interview, ensuring justice, and providing much needed intervention to assist victims in dealing with the affects of these cruel violations. This presentation will address many of the disclosure obstacles facing victims and interviewers alike. Attendees will understand some of the basic, intermediate, and advanced issues and hidden factors surrounding the solicitation of information regarding the experiences of the victim. Providing victims with a sensitive and empathetic response is just the beginning. This session will offer practical methods in working with a victim of sexual assault going beyond “just the facts Ma’am” to truly understanding the trauma experienced by the victim. Training will also explore useful methods to assist professionals in obtaining the information and experiences of the victim needed for the proper investigation and intervention of reports of sexual assault. Special issues affecting victimization will also be discussed. This break-out session will include a practical exercise along with numerous examples and experiential segments to assist in the learning process.

## **B-2 Initial and Ongoing Trauma**

**Julie Foley, Crime Response Program, Dane County District Attorney Office, Madison, WI**  
**Elizabeth Hudson, Consultant, Department of Health Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Madison, WI**

This workshop will provide “person-centered” approaches and practical tools to promote healing and avoid the risk of re-victimizing people we serve. As SART collaborators, we must not only be cognizant of the impact of the initial trauma but also the potential for well intentioned efforts in seeking “Justice” to cause further trauma. An examination of the stages of trauma shows how Issues of privacy, empowerment and self-determination often get lost when it comes to common practices such as public release of information, forensic evidence collection, subpoenas, testimony and the like. If we are guided by the premise that every report is an act of courage and opportunity, we will create an environment where survivors guide a process that will minimize the risks inherent in our sincere efforts to “help”.

## **B-3 Engaging SART Teams to Respond to the Needs of PREA Survivors, Part 1**

**Jule Cavanaugh, Region 1 Assistant Chief, Division of Community Corrections, Madison, WI**  
**CJ Figgins-Hunter, Facilitator, SART Coordinator, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Madison, WI**  
**Dan Stiemsma, Detective, Dodge County Sheriff’s Department**  
**Lizzie Tegels, Warden, New Lisbon Correctional Institution, New Lisbon, Wisconsin**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 developed standards for the detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of prison rape. WCASA, The Wisconsin Department of Corrections and the Office of Justice Assistance have developed protocols for SARTs in responding to survivors of sexual assault in detention. The development of the protocol was informed by survivors who were willing to share their stories. In part 1 of this workshop, participants will hear stories of survivors who’ve experienced sexual assault in detention and will be given an overview of the protocol.

## **B-4 Reporting Differences to Law Enforcement, SANE and Community Advocacy**

**Kittie Smith, Facilitator, VAWA Program & Planning Analyst, Office of Justice Assistance, Madison, WI**

Survivors who approach the Criminal Justice System enter at different points of access; law enforcement, SANE, hotlines, crisis centers, clergy, etc. This workshop examines why survivors make the choices they do and how the point of entry may impact a SART team’s coordination efforts. Representatives of SART, CJ partners and survivors will share their experiences in successfully addressing this challenge.

1:00 — 2:30

## **Plenary: Deception Detection: Truth or Consequences**

**Russell Strand, Chief, Family Advocacy Law Enforcement Training Division, US Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri**

Deception has both plagued and served us from the beginning of time. We are all masters and victims of deceit. Most of us have been raised to tell the truth, but are all effective on shading it when it is convenient or seemingly necessary. The truth of the matter is that truth matters - but our ability to detect it is extremely difficult and our skills at deception detection are often highly overrated. The cornerstone of criminal investigations and the criminal justice system is determining the truth and credibility - which in many, if not most cases is a seemingly impossible task. Deception is at the center of all criminal activity from victim selection, deceptive actions, and of course an effective tool to avoid suspicion and identification. Deception is the number one reason why victims often fall prey to those who would cause them harm. There is emerging research assisting us in a better understanding of trauma and memory and the physiological consequences of stress and trauma. This session will review current deception detection knowledge and practices and compare what we think we know with new and exciting research which will assist us in a better understanding of the realities and limitations of deception detection. Participants will also be provided with comparisons and contrasts between what we now know about

trauma and stress and how professionals can easily confuse the physiological reactions to trauma and stress with the physiological reactions to intentional deception. What we don't know can have dire consequences on our investigations, interventions, victim advocacy, and prevention efforts. Law enforcement, judges, attorney's, victim advocates, medical and mental health, and all other professionals working in the domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse fields will walk away with a better understanding of determining the truth deterred neither by fear or prejudice.

**2:45 — 4:00**

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS C**

### **C-1 Coordination Between CCR and SART – Development of Healing Services and Resources**

**Kittie Smith, Facilitator, VAWA Program & Planning Analyst, Office of Justice Assistance,  
Jeanie Kurka Reimer, Co-Facilitator, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Madison, WI**

SART teams are operational multi-system teams working with survivors within a Justice System response to sexual assault. Coordinated Community Response teams do planning and assessment activities designed to increase their ability to keep survivors safe and hold offenders accountable. This workshop addresses successful team strategies for developing meaningful community based resources to meet a wide variety of survivor needs with an emphasis upon healing resources.

### **C-2 SART Response Inclusive of PREA, Part 2**

**CJ Figgins-Hunter, Facilitator, SART Coordinator, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault,  
Madison, Wisconsin**

**Vicki Biehn, Rural Services Coordinator & Counselor, Sexual Assault Services of LSS of WI &  
Upper Michigan**

**Jule Cavanaugh, Region 1 Assistant Chief, Division of Community Corrections, Madison,  
Wisconsin**

**Robin Diebold, Corrections Unit Supervisor, Racine Correctional Institution**

**Sandy Hardie, ASTOP, Fond du Lac**

**Jean Schwerda, PsyD, Taycheedah Correctional Institute, PREA Victim Services Coordinator**

**Scott Howard Smith, Survivor**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 developed standards for the detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of prison rape. WCASA, The Wisconsin Department of Corrections and the Office of Justice Assistance have developed protocols for the response to prison rape survivors. In part 2 of this workshop, participants will hear from advocates and DOC personnel about the need for collaboration among service providers, community corrections and institution officials. Participants will hear from two communities about their experiences, successes and challenges in meeting the needs of survivors of sexual assault in detention. Workshop leaders will discuss the benefits of working with the SART in responding to the needs of survivors of prison rape.

### **C-3 Inclusion of Survivors into the SART Models/How Does Including Survivors Enhance the Process?**

**Jacqui Callari Robinson, Facilitator, SANE Coordinator, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual  
Assault**

**Kathleen Gean, Consultant, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

**Claudine O'Leary, Sexual Assault Planning Initiative, City of Milwaukee**

This workshop will focus on why meaningful survivor feedback is important to SART's. The workshop will assist communities in creating vehicles and strategies in insuring the inclusion of survivors.

#### **C-4 Overcoming Obstacles; Difficult Issues in the Community/Case Review and How to Handle Conflict**

**Laura Williams, National Technical Assistance Project Director, Sexual Violence Justice Institute, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, St. Paul, Minnesota**

**Ms. Sara Gonsalves, Project Attorney, Sexual Violence Justice Institute, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, St. Paul, Minnesota**

**Paul Schnell, Chief, Hastings Police Department, Hastings, Minnesota**

Protocols or not, the complexity of responding to incidents of sexual assault ensures that gaps, changes, or emerging problems will continually arise and need to be addressed. Problem solving can and should be a team building process. Specific case examples of what is and is not working are information we need and want to design improved responses. At the same time, there are legal, political and safety implications for how teams go about these conversations. This workshop will discuss at least three approaches to how teams might learn from cases (system consultation, case review, and case management) with consideration for these factors. The purpose, process and potential outcome of each approach will be covered along with examples of how SART teams have been using them.

4:10 — 4:30

#### **Networking Exercise for Team Building**

**MANDATORY FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

4:30 — 4:45

#### **Closing**

## **SART Conference Recreational Activities**

### **Cold Water Canyon Golf Course at Chula Vista Resort September 26 - 28, 2011 Reduced Golf Rates**

One of Wisconsin's most historical venues, Cold Water Canyon Golf Course, made its first appearance in the 1920s. The course now features two distinct nines. The front nine has preserved the historic layout and contrasts with the back nine, which features a links-style layout. The bent grass greens and blue grass fairways are in great condition.

Explore Cold Water Canyon Golf Course at a great discounted price of \$22.00 for 18 holes (includes use of a cart).

Club rental: \$10 for 9 holes, \$15 for 18 holes.

Call the Pro Shop to make your tee time arrangements: 608-254-8489

### **Upper Dells Boat Tour Tuesday, September 27, 2011 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm**

This is a ticketed event; advance reservation requested.

Unwind with colleagues and guests after a long day of learning with a boat ride on the Upper Dells double-decker boat. Bring your own food, beverages, and refreshments.

Pick up at Chula Vista Dock.

\$8.00 per person age 6 and up, age 5 and under free

Gratuities included, cash or check payments

Dells Boat Tours staff will be there to collect money individually before boarding.